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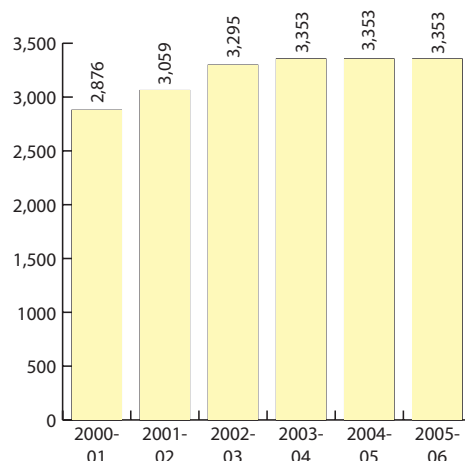
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- Eligibility is most often due to poverty
- Minority children are a large proportion of enrollees
- Enrollment at the individual program level remains stable



Funded Enrollment Has Remained Stable

Total funded enrollment in North Dakota Head Start Programs increased from 2000-01 to 2003-04, but remained at 3,353 from 2003-04 through 2005-06. From 2000 to 2006, the number of children younger than 5 years old in North Dakota increased slightly from 39,400 to 39,556. Because there is some turnover in Head Start enrollment during each year, the actual number of children served by North Dakota Head Start is even larger than these numbers indicate.

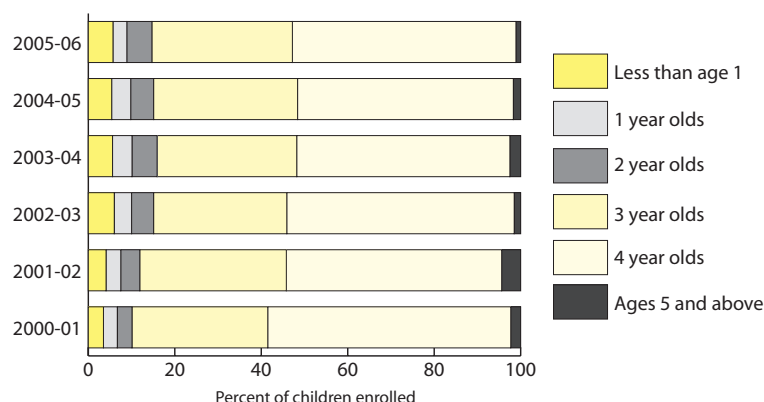
Figure 1. Total Funded Enrollment in North Dakota Head Start and Early Head Start, 2000-2006



Majority of Enrollees Are Three or Four Years Old

The majority of children (52%) enrolled in North Dakota Head Start Programs were four years old in 2005-06. Three year olds accounted for one-third (33%) of enrollees. Children younger than age three remained 15% of all children in North Dakota Head Start Programs from 2004-05 to 2005-06.

Figure 2. Percent of Children Enrolled in North Dakota Head Start and Early Head Start by Age of Child, 2000-2006



Data Source and Note:

Data obtained from Head Start Program Information Reports, 2000-2006. Data in this fact sheet include pregnant women enrolled in Early Head Start programs.

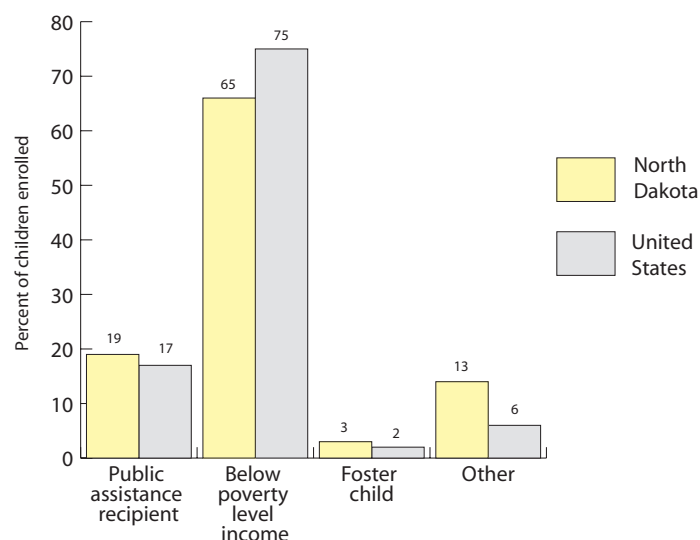
Our Mission

The goal of Head Start is to increase the social competence of children in low-income families and children with disabilities, and to improve their chances for school success.

Eligibility is Most Often Due to Poverty

Most North Dakota Head Start enrollees were eligible because their family's income was below the federal poverty line. In 2005-06, this eligibility category accounted for 65% of the children and pregnant women enrolled in North Dakota Head Start. The next largest group (19% of all enrolled) were eligible for North Dakota Head Start based on their family's receipt of any form of public assistance, which is similar to the 17% of enrollees in Head Start programs nationwide who have this type of eligibility.

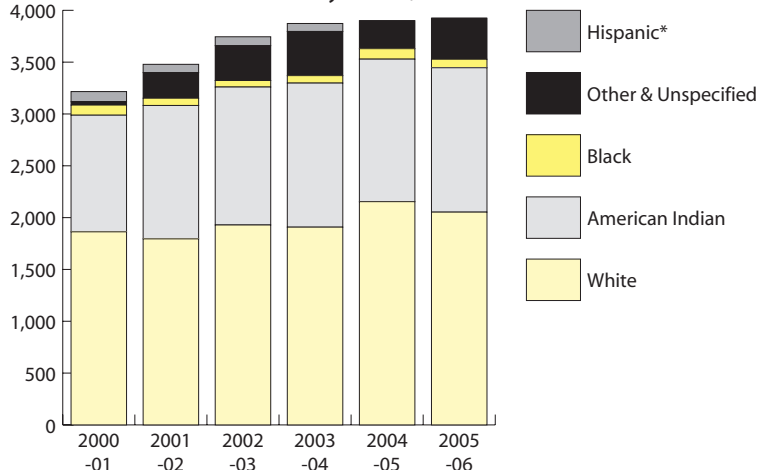
Figure 3. Percent of Enrollees in Head Start and Early Head Start in North Dakota and the United States by Eligibility Type, 2005-06



Minority Children Are a Large Proportion of Enrollees

White children, who were 87% of all North Dakota children in 2006, were close to one half (52%) of all children enrolled in North Dakota Head Start Programs in 2005-06. American Indian children (9% of all children in North Dakota in 2006) comprised 35% of enrollees (1,393 children) in 2005-06. Children of Hispanic or Latino origin, who may be of any race, represented 4% of enrollees (138 persons) in 2005-06.

Figure 4. Children Enrolled in North Dakota Head Start and Early Head Start by Race*, 2000-2006



*Prior to 2004-05, Hispanics were recorded as a racial category. Beginning with 2004-05 data, consistent with Census definitions, Hispanics are recognized as an ethnic group whose members may be of any race, so direct comparisons to race data in previous years should be done with caution.

Enrollment at the Individual Program Level Remains Stable

Total funded enrollment for all 21 North Dakota Head Start and Early Head Start programs was unchanged from 2004-05 to 2005-06. In 2005-06, the largest North Dakota Head Start Programs were located in major urban areas: Fargo (SENDCAA), Minot, and Grand Forks. However, large programs also were located on Standing Rock Reservation and Turtle Mountain Reservation.

Figure 5. Total Funded Enrollment in North Dakota Head Start and Early Head Start by Program Location, 2005-06

